Living in Torturing Dictator Shah's IRAN after CIA Operation Ajax - Two insider's Views (1979)

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    In a stunning and emotional powerful program, an Iranian poet and political dissident vividly describes his incarceration and torture at the hands of the Shah's CIA established secret police -- SAVAK (CIA and US created secret police of Iran which was established after CIA Operation Ajax. Since SAVAK was established, this Dictator of Iran own secret police tortured over 3000 people to death). Additionally, Lisa Radcliffe, who recently returned from an extensive trip to Iran, relates her experiences. She also shows the State Department documents which the students holding the hostages gave her, documenting CIA involvement and counter-revolutionary activity of the U.S. which continued right up to the takeover of the embassy.

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US State Department messages concerning the CIA have been made public by the Iranians in the American Embassy these documents have been displayed on Iranian television and also given to the international press including the United States have you seen any on television or in the press anywhere well tonight we'll have a Show and Tell on alternative views news magazine we focus tonight on two of the most serious situations in the world today Iran and Afghanistan we have two people who have been intimately involved in the situation in Iran Lisa Radcliffe an American has just come back from an extensive trip to Iran and has some of those documents we were talking about a while ago and also Kasim Allah a poet a political dissident who was incarcerated and tortured for a year by the Shah this interview we have with

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by the Shah this interview we have with him is very strong stuff well I won't go it it certainly drained me and it will give you an idea of what it was like to be an Iranian under the Shah but first Afghanistan Doug you have some material do you not well within the mass media there have been few sober rational and moderate appraisals of the situation so I was surprised to find that the Wall Street Journal had perhaps one of the more rational accounts that put down that downplayed the dangers that were posed to the United States and the so-called free world from the Russian invasion in Afghanistan The Wall Street Journal said straight out in their headlines the new military thrust by the Russians are doubted and said in the first sentence that Moscow is unlikely to carry its military adventures much further any time soon they stated both American and European scholars and stated forthrightly that there was little danger that the Soviet Union would invade targets like Iran Pakistan or the Persian Gulf they pointed out that for one thing Moscow may have its hands full in Afghanistan now and they're not going to have the ability to carry on any more military adventures because they're going to have to put so much of their energy and resources in quelling the rebellions in Afghanistan indeed one of Carter's advisors say and I quote The Wall Street Journal again I think they'll pause and digest Afghanistan the Soviets want to expand but probably without paying big cost moreover another one of the top analysts at the Institute of International Studies in Geneva added again quoted in The Wall Street Journal

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again quoted in The Wall Street Journal I don't think this is the beginning of a great Soviet expansion using military power they're not risk takers and international relations they will watch all opportunities and take advantage of whatever opportunity they can Frank you have some more information in an article from the nation that also raises questions whether there is a major threat to American interests there or anything out of the ordinary right the writer says that the situation in Afghanistan is really not all that significant he says it is significant in the sense that it's the occasion for some of the most undiluted irresponsibility in Christ demagoguery on the part of the US administration for a long long time they said that the Soviets have had friendly relations with Afghanistan close relationships for many many years and particularly since 1955 Afghanistan has been militarily dependent on the USSR and there were Soviet backed regimes before and the one which was just deposed was completely intolerable the people didn't support it and so the Soviets came in to restore order and they said this was this was the case not a long gradual strategic advance all over the rest of the globe as we're being told all the time they are not interested in going to the Persian Gulf or gobbling up Iran for a lot of reasons one of which is the Soviets are the number one producers of oil in the world they don't need all that extra down there right now at least I have another point on this there has been a lot of concern that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan would lead to an invasion of Iran since there's a border between Iran and Afghanistan what these reports and this is pointed out in the Wall Street Journal is that there's the Himalaya Mountains between Afghanistan and Iran that would be very difficult for the Soviet Union to go across these

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for the Soviet Union to go across these mountains to invade Iran moreover the Soviets already have a border with Iran on the north which is a flat area that with good roads that they could easily they could have at any time gone down and gobbled up the oil and the Persian Gulf in the south of Iran if this was their intention there's another aspect of this which is reported by the right-wing newspaper the spotlight and that is their rather ironic the fact that the trucks which the Soviets used to move into Iran were made in the Kama River plant which on the face of it isn't much however the Kama River plant was built with the money and the technical assistance of the United States multinational corporations and the consortium of banks the writer also points out that the reason you don't see the financial sanctions of the type to take retaliation against Iran being used against the Soviet Union is that the the two economies are very much intertwined and the to do that would have a severe repercussions on the Western economy as well as in the Soviet Union he says that the flow of credit from the West to the Eastern European states and the soviet union is up to 65 billion now so if they monkeyed with that there would be default on a massive scale and be quite significant to create quite significant problems for that particularly the banking community let me just conclude this with a

frightening a quote from The Village Voice to show what's at stake they cite that nuclear war has become more likely now than at any time since the Cuban Missile Crisis they also point out something that a few weeks ago there was a computer error that created a 6-minute failsafe alert that a computer indicated that the bombs were on its way and we were in the failsafe situation so that the defense establishment was sealed for the final nuclear

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sealed for the final nuclear Halla constable it's frightening speaking of frightening let's find out what's been happening in Iran how long were you in Iraq I was there for a little over three weeks and we're all did you go the we traveled mainly around Tehran the city of Tehran I was there in 1978 and traveled throughout but this for this trip we were mainly in Tehran do you speak Farsi I took a year of Persian and UC Berkeley I speak sort of passable dinner-table Persian so that you're pretty familiar with Iran then just not somebody dropped in over there and came back and suddenly is an instant expert no on it well and so now you're travelling around and telling people what you got and we're having a show-and-tell program you've got some documents here yes once you show us what they had you got these from the students at the Embassy in Tehran the US Embassy in Tehran these are documents that were released by the students at the Embassy and they were released to the media and yet they've been suppressed I don't think that people have really gotten a chance to read through these because they're very incriminating this one this whole group of documents here is they're they're very interesting they're a series of things for cover considerations this one here this man Paul timmermans apparently his cover is a commercial business representative and he was born in Belgium was he with the CIA oh definitely yeah I mean they're discussing how he should yeah you know this is his background information that he should be aware of what have you this is not unusual though we're really not surprising that there are CIA people over there the CIA people and intelligence people in every embassy I don't know I don't think it's a big surprise to the CIA and Iran was not just reading newspapers or doing this and that they were actually engaging in in sabotage engaging in during the time of the Shah that they would follow Iranian dissidents they would turn them in and these people you know were tortured today or put in prison and

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tortured today or put in prison and what-have-you when I talk to the students at the Embassy they had found loads and loads of counterfeit Iranian money that was going to be used to flood the Iranian economy and wreck it they found electronic spy equipment all of the things that we are sure exist inside the embassy but you know are used against the Iranian people I think another one of the significant things that the US Embassy was used for is that it was a central organ place for subversion and counter-revolution in Iran and by that I mean that certain embassy officers their job was to go out to different horses before the Revolution after during the revolution and after revolution they were loyal to the Shah and to organize them around the the u.s. has plans for a coup well hey let's get to our elect some more goodies here what you got well this one here was written in September 30th 1979 and it basically is a discussion on bringing the Shah it's subject Shah of Iran and it's a discussion between the State Department it's emanating from the embassy to the State Department and it says this I think this is very interesting paragraph paragraph 4 says given the kind of atmosphere and the kind of public posturing about the Shah by those who control or influence public opinion here I doubt that the Shah being ill would have any ameliorating effect on the degree of reaction here it would presumably make our own position more defensible if we were seen to admit him under demonstrably humanitarian considerations so it was being arranged way ahead at all yeah yeah and in fact you know this is again this whole question of the Shahs illness which was the cover for bringing into the united states is really to a large degree blows that away in the sense that it's clear that what they were trying to figure out is what kind of face they put on he's being brought here this one here is particularly interesting because it is a communique between sullivan and the head of the bank of Omron solder knows who afternoon sullivan was the ambassador to Iran during the time of the shot and he was there until the you know the completion to certain degree the

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completion to certain degree the completion of that portion of the revolution in which the show was forced to flee the country the bank of Omron is the shelf personal bank okay and what Sullivan is instructing this man to do is to go into that to the bank of Omron which is now being controlled by young enthusiastic sort of revolutionary monetary audience and sort of go in there and create and wreak havoc within this bank a lot of places I go people say are these really real and I feel like saying what do you think I get I went home and got seven different typewriters and fabricated these documents what purpose would that serve and that they're always referred to in the sort of the normal the big press or what have you as the alleged documents these so-called unauthenticated documents share you with other media here in Austin you have to go but hope you thank you very much for having come back again this is really great thank you very much Lisa Radcliffe so frequently in the media or in discussions or the press we see things like well so-and-so was a prisoner of the Shah what was that really like it's one thing to kind of well he was a prisoner he's in jail what was it really like what does it do to a person and what is the Iranian situation like now and then it's difficult for us to get good information in the United States because it's filtered through the regular establishment media mainly but now we don't need that filtering because we have cos M Allah who is the poet writer former political prisoner of the Shah now living in Houston and we'll discuss all these subjects with him and with us

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all these subjects with him and with us is Kristie bird feather who's with crime nothing illegal just means the coalition against racism and intervention in the Middle East they are very active on the campus of the University cuz I'm in a way I hesitate to ask you some of these questions because I know it must be very painful for you but can we go back a few years ago what was it like in Iran when the Shah was there I began to be active in politics and I was in the tenth grade of high school and we used to have this kind of secret meetings in our houses talking politics and different subjects then we began to take it to the high school like we used to have this wall newspaper in a wallpaper and I used to put my poetry on it so they began to suppress it and they expelled me from you know high school for that reason the school was suppressing it yes but it was mainly because you know Seurat was controlling everything there were these supervision committees in every school supervision Committees of sadaq the secret police I mean not only the schools in factories I mean everywhere offices you know they had these supervision committees that we were just having files on everybody's activity and these several times for me they do not do that one time they got me I was entering the inner school just before it we had an exam in high school high school and they told me that if you go ahead harass you and we do that and these to you and they were just intimidating me and then when you got to

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intimidating me and then when you got to college you continued your political activity yes when I enter the college just three months after I entered the college and got arrested what was the pretext I gave that we had this mountain climbing organization in University kind of a sport organization which was quite a very illegal because every kind of you know organization the illegal especially universities and we had these several students on a team going to mountain climbing near tira and they were lost and we knew they were lost and we called you know police stations to get their help to send some helicopters and get them it wasn't mean to excuse me they didn't give us any damn help and then we send another team and we found their dead bodies did the frozen you sent a team of students yes team of students and then we brought their bodies I mean everybody was outraged because they could have sent helicopter and saved their lives they didn't do that and we had this funeral at a mass called AK mass and the mass was in the centre of Tehran near the bazaar and lots of students several thousand I can say from all universities came to that few in the world and the army and the police were surrounding us and the attack was they kid one student and arrested arrested about three hundred tears including you including me and it was about Christmas time and you know turns very cold a street or CBT in other words they beat you with one flag it weeps with cable actually table this tea I mean probably 3/4 of inch three and

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I mean probably 3/4 of inch three and they shaved our you know hair and just make us look very ugly and they beat the hell out of us all over your body or our body well it was funny to everybody every of this our people tortures with common just to have fun it was they were enjoying it just to punch or to get long but somebody's ear and pool and to Albany I mean they were just sadists in they loved it and there was this guy called Hosseini who used to just love torturing he was saying you know they called me Hosseini and have you heard my name I kill people on the little shoe I burned it so just tell me the truth do not you know play around with me and you know just that kind of thing and when you said well I don't have nothing to say I don't know why you have a resume okay they would put you in this bed or chick you know chairs special to beat the hell out of you mansion naked and you know do all kinds of crazy things but that first time they couldn't keep us more than two months because first of all it was math errors and all the universities went on strike I mean in the bazaar in Tehran and I talked to our support and then there is all kinds of solidarity messages from factories and so they really got harassed they really were scared to keep us so after two months they freed most of what they keep several but they feed most of us they had you know some kind of you know eyes on us even they live I

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of you know eyes on us even they live I mean after you after they released you they still yes followed you and kept track of what your yes I believe so because the second time that I got arrested about eleven month after I was afraid they know pretty I'm not all of I did but they know a lot where I went even they knew sometimes that what kind of movies I watched you know they have surveillance on your friends also I believe so because there is this it out of my friends too so after you got out after what two months the first time two months at sixty one day university they didn't want to accept us at the universe at the University and but you know our fellow students went on strike so they accepted us under this condition that anytime we hear something against the government we have to report it to Sawat and if they catch us on something then we hereby admit that they can do whatever they want to so that was the condition in which they accepted you back into these girl you had to become a Saavik Informer but you didn't sign that he didn't sign and nobody sign that he stayed away from university for about two or three weeks so this softened a position because the university was still on strike and our fellow students wanted us in so they just got this piece of paper that I promise to not get involved in politics and sign it so then they wanted our parents to co-sign it so I mean and then parents came and cosign didn't let us in that was it but they live around

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that was it but they live around surveillance we had several times we were several times raided on in on campus badly I mean really badly people got teeth rated by by some in the army and the army liberated the campus they could get anybody no matter he or she was involved in demonstration and they would just get anybody that they did I just make these raids Reds and getting everything yes and several of our students you know got refuge on the roofs the fifth floor the sixth book they threw them they just threw him like garbage down and many people got killed that way many people had broken legs or arms or you know you know just to say that anytime you protest something that's you know the response you get so just shut up and they did several times that and several times they raided the dormitories and but well I didn't get arrested I mean he is kicked so you managed to not get arrested for about another 11 months 11 months what was the reason you were arrested in prison the second the second time we had this fellow students getting kid on the dormitory and we just other night we decided to make a funeral for him and I endure boy doll with several other students and raised money and got people you know supporting asked him to come and participate and he was you know a native of Isfahan we had to go to that

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native of Isfahan we had to go to that city we move overnight give into that city and with the help of the East Valley University students we organized a funeral funeral was you know forbidden we don't have funeral I'm

getting the body to the symmetry it was against the law it was probably clearly against the law even the funeral was considered a public gathering yes yes you couldn't you know walk in the streets you know you know people more than five or ten so the police was everywhere to prevent us but we really organized that we got lots of support and people just pissed off this kind of you know operation they joined us I mean the pastor price that they didn't know who was keep in vivid saying you know everybody joined the funeral yes he started cool I mean they couldn't attack it it was just great I mean didn't we began to say slogans against the show he turned it to an entire show demonstration and then we went to symmetry we brought some statements just talking to people and then we went back for about a week and begin to arrest everybody was suspicious you know being involved or organizing this funeral and they got me but the me they first did not ask about the funeral they were just saying okay now what kind of affiliation do you have with this guerrilla movement they were just torturing me for no reason you are a poet and you are radical why did you read your poetry for you you know friends you were instigating riots I

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friends you were instigating riots I mean just this kind of questions so they were trying to get you to confess the various types of activity which you may or may not even have been involved in that's troop and the way they began to AH as they put it themselves to work on me was and is something that I can never forget I mean it's just like a continuous nightmare first they made me complicated and they searched everywhere I mean just humiliating you know just playing with your body and not only searching and then they threw me to this solitary and they said okay now you have 24 hours to say everything yourself otherwise and we work on you we know how to make you confess and it was not just 24 hours it was just being in the center of these torture chambers hearing all of these cries and screams coming everywhere I mean I couldn't sleep for a minute that 24 hours because of this you are in the solitary disguise screaming kill me don't do that just kill me and this I mean screams all over it fill your ears and once in a while is God coming and looking through that hole to you and suddenly opening that what you doing and this kind of you know just harassing you then the next day in the morning they took me to this room that was filled with blood you know very low ceiling and there wasn't spared filled with blood and blood all over em scabs no I mean

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and blood all over em scabs no I mean this dried blood everywhere and this Smith dirty filthy and they fastened me my hands and my legs - no - deathbed half naked and in this torture that first came and introduced himself his name was carrying me out I believe it was his nickname it wasn't his real name came and said you know I'm carry me and I have killed lots of people who resisted to confess now if you be a good boy you just say whatever you did we know everything about you you just want to hear it from your own mouth and but if you are a bad boy then I can't promise that you get away alive from here so I said well I don't know what you are talking about I never did that or illegal thing so they call this boy it was a young probably eighteen ninety years old soldier and they gave him cable there were several cables with different you know with and he was just playing with me okay do you want this thick or this cable or that cable and they did one of them - that eats it okay with him they beep so bad they leave me about a hundred flags I get unconscious and we poured water on me and especially when they put water on my legs which had blood bleeding and blood was springing all over the ceiling and everywhere it really was painful cord blood and you know cold water on it means and then they keep me enforcement to walk jump on my legs and then they repeated that I I

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my legs and then they repeated that I I didn't say anything and this continued for the whole day until evening I just continue beta day repeating other things they stated other things like he left the room this carry me guns towards this soldier okay try to get something out of his mouth I'll be back and carry me left at the room and you know closed door the soldier was just like finding kind of ponens I just you know was getting my testicles and just putting you know his hands on my mouth and just opening my mouth and I mean just like

anyone I couldn't believe that you know I I mean there is a man a human being you know it was just like anymore just he told my parties with his name's and it was then I was difficult for you to talk about it horrible experience you don't have to if you don't want to I have a duty to say these things for American people to know what was life on it sure so anyway after about half an hour I was so badly screaming that this carry me came and just a slap in the face that soldier said we have not taken any word out of his mouth we want him alive we don't want to kill him now he was really killing me and they gave me a break for

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killing me and they gave me a break for about two hours and then they can began started again weeping and like they did something with my fingers that I was thinking that they are pregnant i I don't know how they did it but I mean the pain was scratching all over my bones it was offered and then they couldn't get any word and I was bleeding all over my nose was bleeding my mouth was bleeding no it was all over my body and so they thought that's enough for that day then they asked me to walk to my solitary I couldn't walk so I said and somebody caught my cuz and pulled me all the way I'm sorry to the solitaire and then they began this I mean they didn't stop torturing just taking me to solid they didn't let me sleep for five continuous days and nights any time I kind of fell to asleep somebody came and slept very bad in the face oi then discontinued the next idea came took me to that chamber and this time they handcuffed me this way and there was this hook that they hooked me to that and they could raise it so I could be kind of hang of the grass and the pain all over they did it

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the pain all over they did it several times then they treated me beep raping me raping you they treat and they didn't break but we tend to pretend they were going yes they pretend they are going to write me they made me naked and oh they're worthy strong torture is coming in playing and saying okay you're you want to be no have fun with you and well I was so torn that I wouldn't I mean it wouldn't make any difference for me because I was thinking that I'm contouring it out or so I was thinking so I didn't react it that you're doing couldn't do such a terrible thing to me I just looked at so they saw no reaction no it was probably just kind of saying okay you're in a state of shock so they didn't do it but then I was you know for 47 days in that solitary dirty filthy small solitary I couldn't go to bathroom I didn't take it off for the whole time and I was stinky blood was dried blood was all over my body I didn't have control over my body I urinated blood and through our blood in off Oh they were of this horrible moments at in

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they were of this horrible moments at in the middle of the night they would sometimes come and wake you up and say okay and your execution order has been issued now confidence and just blindfold you and take you to a place that you hear you know gunshot and gone five and sometimes close you to it you know bought something three hours because you were blindfolded I couldn't realize what was that they would tell you to high you to some tree or toast or something and then you you would I mean you were really that you get killed and you were I was reading to get keep I mean I was so much under pressure and death would be I mean just relieved and did did they take you back to the to solitary do nothing you know just so I called it you gotta faith and I remember that then my wounds on my palms began to infect and I several times knock the door and ask them for medical care they came and beat me instead of human medical care then by that time they couldn't have gotten anything booked any word against me they forced some some of my friends to confess things against me that I did not admit and I was fortunate that then they arrested me everybody knew I was arrested so my friends went to my house and just emptied they think you know there's any thing for the salt so later seriously they didn't give anything when you were in cell what kind of conditions were there any rats or bugs

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were there any rats or bugs anything like that or is it sealed off so at least we protected someone it was very dirty I had a very bloody stinky blanket and that was the only thing I had no pillows nothing and it was called roaches but everywhere that's don't I mean the horror of these roaches just walking through my bones and you know eating my body was I can never recover from that how are you finally released that for I was in a very bad situation that solitary and then they took me this means that really being infected so they caught the tissues with a scissor and put some bandage and then took me to public in our prison out of solitary I was there for about 10 months in the public prison and did they continue beating you there no just a regular prison no but they had this regular rates on the prison he didn't have any any pen or paper or something so anytime they every week or every other week they would trade the prison and beat us and look for pen or pencil because they were afraid that somebody would had a visitor might have brought something but it was impossible to bring a penny I had only two visits by my family they didn't know

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two visits by my family they didn't know that I was ji mean I was alive they they were told that I was executed and they were told that I was you know kid differently not executed I mean they were saying all these kinds of Lies to my family and several times my family became men came and asked to visit me they bitten and beat your parent they became physically and just harassing that your son was and it gorilla in the terrorist and he's keen and now if you come one more time here we'll take you to the same place and this kind of harassment and I after seven months we had a visit and but for one thing they got I mean they were crying and they saw me but it was just something fun that they saw me a lie I couldn't walk now for one year and I couldn't really walk and run like a normal person you know these phones I said you know my power modesty kind of strange they are not nice smooth you know I remain indeed they are like small penis all over because they caught the teachers very bad then after 11 months I got a trial that was pretty funny a trial in its military core you know the presentation and I mean that was just a mockery of trial my the God that was supposed to defend me was a major a

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supposed to defend me was a major a colony in the Army and he came and told other charges were also military officers and told them it was a secret tribunal and he told him well I believe that this boy is guilty I'm ashamed represent him we feed them we give them education and now they protest I mean he was worse than the prosecutor so they convicted me to two years in jail I appealed and it was by the time that the international pressure was really on on the show and he's written you to release this political prisoners and protists all over the world so the second time I had this chance to have a civil attorney and he decreased the conviction by one year but after one year they didn't release me they were saying that you are not going to release you because he didn't confess that they still beat you during that year or they just take you locked up no they didn't beat me they just keep in love and so after my conviction was all of my sentence was over for 10 days every day they took me to the you know what we called call it basement just to talk to me some way you know just telling me we won't release you on this you sign that you would cooperate with it so again it was the same time several other of my friends were also Pingree knees and they would take us together you know just be nice no see if you we can't release you we can pay you a good salary you can be have a good position

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salary you can be have a good position after you graduate and all of this kind if you cooperate if you operate so then they said no we thank you and they said well okay now we're going to let you out or even if you were out you won't be accepted in you know college again so we were saying all of us that we don't want to go back to that college Monica find some job and you know just anything they said this refused they said we won't let you in ducati okay we are not going to go back to college any and they said we want to let you to work anywhere yeah okay my I said I'm going to help my father in his job I am not worried about finding a job you cannot get my father to not give me a job so then after this 10 days conversation taking us back and

forth they forced us to sign this thing that okay we release you on the dis condition that every month you report to police you where were you who were you contacted if you know where did you go and this kind of things and if you wanted to move from one city to another city you have to report we signed that but we never ready you know did that nobody reported so that was the reason that after they returned they released us the second time every other month they used to comment because at the gate of the university or somebody in between the University and the house and just you know interrogate for one of two hours they're very you these activities that you were involved in which were the pretense forgetting you're arrested were activities that were happening all over Iran at the time hundreds of thousands of people yes when

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hundreds of thousands of people yes when we had on there's of thousands of people if got treasonous to and the the number of people who were tortured imprisoned and tortured under the Shah also must've reached from what I've read hundreds of thousands and if you were lucky enough to stay on cross intersection and not get arrested not because if you were staying for no reason someplace they would get suspicious and think that you have a date with a gorilla because they were suspicious they they logic was that you're suspicious of anybody honest the opposite is proved everybody is guilty unless it's I'm in the [__] contrary is prove the opposite is proved so if you had to stay them you know couldn't stay one place and one day you will see this our cars passing by I'm just picking up with the youth for no reason or searching them on the wall and taking them and I mean just those people would disappear the show I spent several times more on building prisons and building libraries or schools or from this Ruby name and they're in every major city we had big prisons cabs really big prisons thousands of prison prisoners and in only Tehran we had three big prisons for and in my prison probably be estimated they were about seven thousand so if you just see Intel endeavor about something like 25,000 prisoners and they were only the prisoners who were in the prisons this sidewalk had these headquarters in every other neighborhood or you know just different headquarters that they had

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different headquarters that they had again you know death chambers and you know the many of them very exposed after the Revolution people just found them the dead bodies all over it torture tools everywhere so I I want to say if in one city you have 25 estimate rough estimate 25 or 30,000 prisoners then we had so many prisons all over the Iran they had big prisons thousands of prisons in Mashhad with her we had huge prison in Isfahan which this one was a working class in our city and they were unrest there so just to show you how big this prison in spawn was the buildings for the personal of the prison was enough for a thousand families it is for the people who ran the prison area it was enough for a thousand family you got to see this clearing this farm and so you can have you know estimate of the time engine of the present and then they had prison in harsh we had prisons I mean probably 100 cities we had prison so just kidding this to me was awful well it's no wonder then that the people of Iran mistrust the US government we did a lot of cars because it was the US government all this time the CIA was supporting and training soo bahk and exactly they were supporting and training the army and the government was supporting the policies of the Shah right up to the end yes you never heard anything about shark what was your dream anyone ever heard anything here in mass media here in the United States they were all supporting him he was really puppet for the interest he was doing good for them and the multinational

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good for them and the multinational corporations and the multinational banks the rockefeller banks were just making billions of dollars and billions of dollars and for wanting let me tell you this that Americans in Iran we were Iranian citizen what we had second-class citizen she was status comparing to Americans they were places that they were no your onions very allowed to go bars or clubs even only can only Americans could go there they had facilities I mean fascinating facilities all the time that the housing was a major problem for Iranian people and time use of 15 or 20 we're living in one big room in shanty towns covered with this metal

plate and you know which is very hot in summer and very cold in winter and people freezing to death in winters sure was making building beautiful partners beautiful villas for Americans we had 40,000 military advisers the United States military was training secret police and not only training a secret police and army but actually helping him to you know this finding the entire show of artists places and gunning him down and torturing them to training them torture taking is just a few months ago one of these tortures was confessing before the international journalists in Tehran and he said that he got his trainees in the United States with several other tortures they had this they were all the way behind the shot all the way back him and uneven thing you know was so bad

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and uneven thing you know was so bad that they couldn't hide it they began to say to portray what was going on in Iran but in the way that well these fanatics are over truly modernized right he's crazy people are always throwing out this joy is so wonderful and these people are just fanatics Muslim fanatics crazy people and just even then they will be giving coverage about what was going on in Iran they were giving this kind of coverage and you find that when you came to the United States that most of the people agreed with this position I assume most of the people thought the Shah was ok and then three most of the people that I saw they would thinking that I'll experiment we can't believe shower the bad because all they have heard is that sure was a great God moderniser everybody loved him in the country and this only a few bunch of fanatics and companies hate him I have had really good conversation with many Americans for one thing if they knew the truth they'll comment there cause you had the same thing happening in two centuries ago you had British employees combination here you had you were oppressed so that was the cause for the first revolution here so it is not a crazy act to make a revolution then you want to get rid of foreign countries domination and control over your lives you also had your second revolution civil war that broke out because because of you know struggling for civil rights and thousands of thousand people shared their blood and it wasn't crazy thing so now that you're doing the same thing and we are crazy and you did that a hundred years ago and

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and you did that a hundred years ago and you shouldn't have this problem now you should have get rid of our clearance and dictators fifty years ago if it wasn't United States government and other foreign countries involvement what about the Soviet Union and Iran there's a lot of hysteria war hysteria cold war hysteria anti-soviet imagine a lot of people would want wonder what the relationship is with Iran and the Soviet Union they say all the Soviet Union has troops only 300 miles from the refineries and the Soviets you're going to move into Iran what do you think about that you know any any country who was in the side of the shot people hated Soviet Union's bureaucracy at the time that Chavez massacring people arson messages of congratulations for his birthdays this is a chelating the show yes so people I mean they're identified this Procrit with the show and they hated him I don't believe the Soviet Union has any intention to interview anyone and even though this be called present government of Iran tries to say so to mobilize the people and say that now you are really in danger that so being it was just very much but we had also 1400 miles for the Soviet Union percent I mean for all of our life and nothing happening so they are not going into it and I mean people are not that you know scared in the Soviet Union right the Russians saw what the Iranians that Iranian people did to the Shah I'm sure they don't want to tackle that and they are not looking for a problem no well cuz them I wish we could talk much longer about this I know we're

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much longer about this I know we're running out of time and you have to get back to Houston I do want to thank you for sharing your experience that I realized it was very painful for you and quite frankly it was painful for Christy and I to be here I just hope like you say that the American people can hear and understand and appreciate what the Iranian people have gone through as a country is and as individuals

they can understand the parts of the US government and the US corporations have played in Iran just understand that's about all you really want isn't it that's what they want and I also want to thank you for giving me this opportunity thank you - say something thank you very much

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